

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the subject patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 22-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Examiner asserts that Claim 22 is rendered indefinite by the recitation ‘to re-secure remaining restraint devices after a restraint device has been removed’ lines 6-7” (Office Action of 8/14/06, page 2). In response, the term “police equipment” has been further limited to “police restraint devices.” The further limitation of the “police restraint devices” provides clear support for the recitation on lines 6-7 and is believed to obviate the rejection.

The Examiner asserts that in “claims 23, 24 and 25 ‘the receptacle adapted to receive the prisoner restrain devices’ lacks proper antecedent basis” (Office Action of 8/14/06, page 2). In response, the term “prisoner” has been deleted.

The Examiner asserts that “in claim 26, ‘the receptacle adapted to receive the prisoner restraint devices’ lacks proper antecedent basis since it is unclear which one of the plurality of receptacles this is referring to” (Office Action of 8/14/06, page 2). In response, claim 26 has been amended to clarify the reference.

Claims 22-31 have been amended to clarify the scope of the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 22-31 are now believed to be definite and allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21-28, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,195,187 to Yang. In response, claims 1, 2, 6-8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21-28, 30 and 31 have been canceled.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yang in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,718,000 to Ost et al. In response, claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yang in view of Ost et al. and U.S. Pat. No. 1,773,442 to Speh. In response, claims 10 and 11 have been canceled.

Claim 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yang in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,637,075 to Ingrisano et al. In response, claim 14 has been canceled.

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yang in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,237,152 to Goodtrad. In response, claims 18 and 19 have been canceled.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yang in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,603,646 to Tobias. In response, claim 20 has been canceled.

Closing Remarks

For the foregoing reasons, applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits an early Notice of Allowance. Should the Primary Examiner

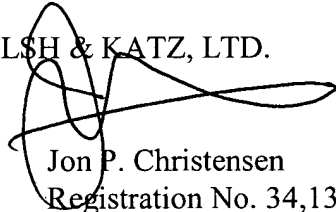
be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Primary Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet(s) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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